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### **Agricultural Survey Is an Opportunity to Provide the Facts**

(Reynoldsburg, OH) How many acres will be planted to corn and soybeans? What will spring planting conditions mean for American agriculture? To gather reliable, objective information, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be surveying farmers for the June Agricultural Survey.

There is always speculation about each new crop season and agricultural producers are the main source for the facts. "If producers speak up and answer the questions about the 2005 crop season, we can reduce uncertainty in the agriculture marketplace," says Jim Ramey, Director of the Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service.

The Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting the survey and a representative will contact local producers between May 28 and July 16. This survey is important because it will provide the first clear indications of the potential production of major commodities in 2005.

The information gathered is widely used. Producers rely on the data to reach valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Industry analysts, extension agents, and farm organizations use the information in a variety of ways that benefit farmers.

"We safeguard the confidentiality of all survey responses," Jim Ramey says. "Information from individual operations is combined with other responses to provide the needed data." NASS works with farmers to provide meaningful, accurate, and objective statistics that help keep U.S. agriculture informed.

For a copy of the finished report or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service website at [www.usda.gov/nass/oh](http://www.usda.gov/nass/oh) or call 1-800-858-8144.